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MODERN MEANS OF LOCOMOTION

No doubt the first time a man got on a two-wheeled chariot, some fellow predicted that he'd break his neck fooling with the thing. It looked dangerous, and had no future, the safe and sane element said. The same misgivings were felt, no doubt, about riding the first horse. Man didn't walk up to the animal and mount it the first time he saw it. The thing looked dangerous. When the first sail boat was rigged up, no one would ride in it till it was got from off the sandbar, fearing to fly in the face of providence in such manner. Fulton's steamboat project as hazardous, to the laymen, and everybody knew it would get Mr. Fulton into trouble. Then, when the locomotive was given its first tryout and made about the same time a Houston County yoke of steers would make, everybody knew the settlement would soon be called on to turn out and gather up the pieces of the engineer. The railroad in its initial stages was of little practical value, but time and the ever increasing demands of modern civilization have of necessity created such improvements that one is whirled back and forth like a shuttle out of a loom. For the benefit of all of us who have outgrown a conception of grandmother's loom, it might be well to explain that a shuttle is a little bateau-shaped piece of hard wood, about ten inches long hollow like a red-horse sucker with a lot of thread wound inside. This thing is slapped through the loom with one hand, and slapped back with the other, and every time the shuttle goes through one more thread is put in place and when this operation has been repeated a million or more times the cloth is finished. Now don't force us to go into details and tell you what a loom is; ask your Ma or your grandmother. The present generation knows but little about the looms, and the stock of looms that loomed up all over this country forty years ago are now hidden away in the smoke house or barn, but our children will take them out and dust them up and varnish them and place them in the parlor, in the years to come—as they are now doing the beadsteads with the ten foot posts and rope slats—they will be valued as heirlooms; and every family will be going back to the roots of its tree, trying to prove that such and such a one was used by a certain grandmother, or great grandmother, on one side of the house or the other. But to continue with the progressive story.

In spite of the fact that the bicycle in its early stages consisted mainly of a large driving wheel over which the propelling power (man) was obliged to occupy a perilous position, it was a hard matter to persuade the early cyclists, to try the "safety," with its clumsy looking tires and chain gear, but it would be a hard matter to persuade anyone but a circus rider to mount a high-wheeler and risk the breaking of a few front teeth, now.

When the automobile man first informed the world that he had a trap that could be run without a man or horse, carrying its own power, going anywhere a horse and buggy could go, he was not doubted as much as his predecessors in the field invention; the doubting Thomases had been educated up to a point where they

REVIVAL MEETING.

On Sunday night, May 30, Rev. W. M. Anderson will begin a meeting with his church, to continue one week. There will be services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Pastor Anderson will do the preaching.

This announcement is made one month in advance to avoid conflict. The public will hear more about this meeting later.

expected almost anything. The limit was reached however, when the man told us about a flying machine; we all saw his finish; we could see the farmers go out and gather up the different parts of his anatomy on a pitch fork from where he had fallen in the field. Since then, a good many of us have seen the things fly, and hear much of them every day.

Along with the introduction of the many other improvements might be considered the thought of how the people wagged their heads over and doubted the telegraph, the telephone, thegraphophone, wireless telegraphy.

There may have been several other inventions introduced this week, now that new ones are constantly showing up every day, but the latest is that which promises conversation with the planet Mars—just so soon as ten million dollars can be raised, and if money is all that is lacking, this feat will be accomplished; in this generation a way is found to get the money to do anything that seems worth while. All that is necessary is to convince a few people that it is a great scheme; a stock company can then be formed, bonds floated and a few franking privileges issued, and things will begin to hum.

Many things we can't see into now will come later, dead easy. For instance, we fail to see just how we are to attract attention of the people of Mars and are told that it is to be accomplished by means of the reflections from a large glass. This might be done, but suppose then, Morse code is not understood in Mars, after we have succeeded in signaling them? If such is the case, must we then wait till they raise ten million dollars up there to answer us? If the inhabitants of that planet are not right up to snuff, unless they have commercial organizations, public enterprises, public-spirited millionaires we fear that our signal craps will weary of waiting for an answer. However, if Mars is looking for something, has her ears close to the ground and is open at all times to such a proposition, she may catch on to our signals in a remarkably short time, and tell us of the weather they are having, of their politics, their society, the moral standing of the community—especially on prohibition.

Talking to Mars, or her people, doesn't look any more impossible to us now than did the sending of a wireless message a few years ago. We are backing the experiment and will be prepared to give our readers the first conversation held.

Nothing seems impossible now. And even if it does appear so, we are not going to say that it can't be done.

Dr. H. P. Calhoun, from Cottonwood, was in the city yesterday.

AWFUL REVENGE TAKEN BY GIRL.

Shoots Nashville Man in His Office.

Nashville, Tenn., April 27.—Isaac S. Morse, a well-known young business man of this city, was shot and almost instantly killed shortly before eight o'clock this morning by Gertrude Douglas, in the office of the American Dry Cleaning Company. In the excitement that followed the shooting the young woman made her escape, and was arrested an hour later in the office of a doctor.

When seen at the police headquarters after her arrest, Miss Douglas at first refused to make a statement, her agitation being so great that she could hardly speak. Finally she said:

"Ike Morse has ruined me and he has been going with me for the last nine years. He couldn't throw me over and live. I met him in this city nine years ago."

There were only two other persons in the American Dry Cleaning Company office, where the victim of the shooting made his headquarters, at the time, and neither was an eye witness to the tragedy. Walter Ewing and Owen Billups, two colored porters were in the rear of the store and saw Miss Douglas talking to Morse for some ten minutes before the shooting. Thinking that she was a customer, they went on with their work, and only went to the front office when they heard the shots fired, and in time to catch Morse as he pitched forward and to see his assailant leaving the office by the front door.

Walter Ewing, one of the colored boys, says that he was first attracted by loud talking between his employer and the Douglas woman, and heard Mr. Morse say: "Go and tend to your own business."

"It was just a few seconds after that," said Ewing, "when the shots were fired. I looked and he seemed to be starting forward toward the woman. She shot again and he fell back and I caught him. They were standing by the counter when the shooting took place and right close together."

NEW DAIRY.

Hall Brothers, from James, Ala., who have been engaged in the dairy business there for many years, and who bought a farm near Dothan some time ago, have shipped their cows, and will in a day or so be supplying the public with milk and butter. These people have done away with their dairy at James, and come to Dothan because it looked like a better market. They have gone to considerable expense in fitting up their dairy along sanitary lines, having had a government expert to approve the plans for the model building they erected for their cows. The cows were also examined by the Department of Agriculture of Alabama before they were shipped, that no unhealthy cows might be brought here.

A want ad might bring you the thing you want, or rid you of the thing you don't want. Try the effects of this paper a few times. It won't cost more than you think it is worth.

REV. E. M. CRAIG TO GO TO HOME MISSIONS

A meeting of the Home Missions Committee of the East Alabama Presbytery was held yesterday afternoon in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church, at which time Rev. E. M. Craig of Dothan signified his intention of accepting the call of the Presbytery, extended him at Dothan some months past, to the office of Superintendent of Home Missions for the Presbytery.

The acceptance of Mr. Craig is to take effect on May 1. At the time of the acceptance of the call by Mr. Craig a resolution was introduced and passed by the Presbytery Committee, asking that all of the churches in the Presbytery gave their pastors ten days during the year during which time they should work for home missions under the direction of the superintendent.

With the passing of the resolution the committee adjourned. Present at the meeting were: Rev. J. L. Dean of Opelika, Chairman; Rev. H. M. Edmonds, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city; Rev. W. D. Burkehead of Opelika, Rev. E. M. Craig of Dothan, G. W. Barnett of the Central Presbyterian Church of this city, and Virgil Griffin of the First Presbyterian Church of this city.—Montgomery Advertiser.

YOUR BOY.

The mothers of this town, who don't know where their Johnnies are at night, ought to feel relieved over the effort the town authorities are making to keep the Johnnies at home. We have never had a curfew bell before, but it would sound better ringing than some of the reports that are ringing in everybody's ears at times, about the boy who loafs at night, down town, on the streets, and around the alleys, with boys who wouldn't be allowed to go home with Johnnie. When Johnnie comes to town after supper, to spend a few pleasant hours with the boys, his Ma couldn't reach him over the phone, in case she had occasion to. She wouldn't know his number. The boy under 18 years old, unless he has a job that demands some of his time, ought to leave a forwarding address with his parents, when he goes down town at night. He ought to be in touch with them. The boy who keeps in touch with his parents this way, and lets them know where he is at all hours of the night, hardly ever finds it necessary to send Pa a note to go down and bail him out of something, or put up a lot of money for a fine.

We have no license to preach, but know boys, having been one, long, long, ago, and know that they thrive better, and get a much better start in life, when they hang around home nights, till they get passed the eighteen year mark, at least.

There mother or father, whose son is now going wild, or has already got there, can look back over his career, and realize how important is it to keep the boy where he belongs after the sun goes down.

The best thing about bad weather is that it is always followed by pretty weather.

Although Dothan can rightfully

FRANKLIN NOTES.

Although Dothan can rightfully boast of a precedence in many commercial enterprises, yet she cannot boast of a suitable High School building. Think of it; a town with almost ten thousand inhabitants, seemingly satisfied with a building only suitable for a town of one tenth her size.

A new High School building would not only improve the people morally, but it would increase the population of the town. A good school system will cause people from all parts of the country to settle here in order to give their children the benefit of an education. With our present building, it would be impossible; for the seating capacity of our school is limited, and the rooms are already overcrowded.

The growth and prosperity of a town depends upon some industry, either commercial or educational. A few years ago Dothan could rely upon the lumber industry for her growth, but the supply of raw material will soon be exhausted. One of the hopes left for Dothan is for the voters to grasp the opportunity offered by the coming election of May 10th and cast their votes in favor of a new High School building. By so doing we will form some basis on which the strength and growth of the town may rely.

The Franklin and Ciceroian Societies had a joint meeting in the music room last Monday, and carried out a Memorial Day program.

Prof. O. L. Tompkins made the introductory remarks. He told why Memorial Day was celebrated and how and where it was first celebrated.

The debate, "Resolved, that it was best for the South that she lost in the war," was the best thing on the program. The judges, Misses Poyner and Kelly and Mr. James McLeod, rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative side.

Recitations by Audrey Crawford, Harriet Crawford, Loraine Dean, Kathlene May, and declamations by Thomas Blackshear, Roy Hill, Byrd Kelly and Albert Logue were enjoyed by all.

After the program had been carried out, Thomas Blackshear recited "A Hardshell Methodist Sermon."

Our visitors were Mr. Charile Dell of Montgomery, and Misses Linsey Crawford and Mina Strickland.

The Franklin Society will have a mock trial at the next meeting, which will be May 3, 1909. Everyone is invited to visit our society at this and all other meetings.

Roy O. Hill,
Lawrence E. Hughes.

The wonderful civilization on which we pride ourselves is but the fruit of thought. Our development has been remarkable only in so far as we have been able to think clean, wholesome thoughts. Conceptions of right and wrong are all determined in the mind—the governor to the human mechanism. In keeping then with what an important factor thought is in our progress, drastic measures have been introduced that the mind may be even more prolific.

It is a fact, however, that the theory of education merely of itself has long been forgotten, while Christian Education is the slogan under which we are moving on. It has tintured the thoughts of the cannibal so that he no longer desires to eat his brother. Under its benign influence Christian Education is the fundamental ground-work upon which our life is built.

Since it is so important then, it is necessary that the mind, plastic in youth, receives the right impress. What about your boy? Somebody is going to offer to help you in giving him an inspiration to become strong in Christian thought. What about it?

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Abdul Hamid fell down on the job and his brother took it up.

Fanitorials on the last pages of the dailies are now receiving as much attention as the editorial pages.

The best time to pay your debts is when you have the money. Said advice being so old that it does no good.

It is better to make improvements when you discover they are needed, than to wait until you are forced into doing it.

The Age-Herald's paragon fears the worst: "If flour goes up, paper-mache pie crust may come into general use."

America will send snakes to Europe, says a head line. If prohibition continues to gain ground, there will be no snakes seen here.

It looks as if politics are going to warm up earlier than is necessary, but there is no way of keeping down a boiling pot without drawing the fire.

The fellow who looks like he is seeing a good time all the while, is not. He merely has the faculty of not showing his real feelings, a mighty good habit, by the way.

Broughton Brandenburg, he of the forged Cleveland letters, has been accused of all the crimes in the law books since the election, unless it is that of common vagrant.

One man has made the trip from Washington to Baltimore in an air ship, on as good time as the electric cars make. In time, they will wander off this far south, if they keep going.

If the state of Texas can collect a two million dollar fine from the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., it might be a good idea for the United States government to take up the matter with Texas, and see if its services cannot be brought into use on that Standard Oil line.

The city chap, writing for the city papers, makes the farmer use "By Heck" for a by-word, and the artists show him wearing boots on his feet, with a straw in his mouth. Neither would know a farmer if they were to meet him in the road riding in an automobile.

A thousand years ago the fathers would tell their sons about how the generation was running out, and the new fangle ways were killing the country, and remark about what you did or didn't see in their time. Abdul Hamids thoughts must be something like that.

A man working on a New York building, fell twenty-six stories to the ground, and was suddenly killed. A good story was thus spoiled. Had he been picked up alive, or had he gotten up and asked what had happened, the item would have been very interesting indeed.

At one time, when a mad dog bit a man, he went home and made his will, gave his wife instructions about the mortgage, separated the cows and calves, and went to bed. His neighbors came and watched over him till death relieved him. Now, one who is bitten by a mad dog hits the next fast train for the cities, where Pasteur treatment is given, after which the man returns home.

Just as soon as Texas heard of the Harvard professor wanting ten million dollars to perfect a plan to talk to Mars, than it rushes up to the professor with an offer to turn in ten million if the contraption is put up in that state to do the talking. This offer is made, of course, through two newspapers, for no other business enterprise could finance such a giant undertaking.

The committee who went to Albany the other day to look into the method that city has in getting current, came back pleased with the outlook. It is possible that they will favor selling the city's plant, or allowing the Choctawhatchee Light and Power Co. to come in and furnish the town and the public current. The water and light plant at Dothan, at the cost of making the steam, is the main item of expense. Matters not how economically the furnish power to the consumer as cheaply as it could be furnished by water.

It developed in a trial for a divorce in Chicago the other day that a Pullman porter really got \$25 as a salary from the company, but that overtime amounted to \$60, and tips averaged all-round \$60. We can believe all of that, but the first and the last. Don't think the Pullman Company has to pay its porters any salary, don't think the \$60 for tips is anything like what it ought to be. And that is one reason why we wouldn't mind being the whole legislature just long enough to make it a misdemeanor, a felony, grand and petit larceny, manslaughter and a hanging crime to tip a porter for doing something for which you are having to pay his employer.

The agricultural department, according to the Washington Post, has been trying to disabuse the minds of the farmers on that old saying they have, of planting things by the moon. The agricultural department has been worth a great deal to the agricultural interests of this country, no doubt, but it will have to make many more strides along progressive lines before it will be able to keep the intelligent farmer from observing the moon when about to do things on his farm. All gardeners know what beans will do if planted on the increasing moon. They go to vines, as do potatoes, and if planted on the decreasing moon, they don't grow many vines, but he way they do bear! Water melons are the same way. Corn must be governed accordingly, and as for cotton—you couldn't do a thing raising cotton without a

Every little while a question is sprung on the public that the public is not prepared for. Then it must be educated up to it. It sometimes takes years to do this. The question of good roads for a county is a big one, and one that never passes the first time it is voted upon. But the next shot they carry. When once a good roads movement starts, it always stays, for good roads are appreciated, once the people use them. When the bill was introduced in congress providing for the rural delivery of mail, the masses howled it looked impossible; it was a job that the government had no business to tackle. Now that it has been found practical, the community would mutiny if this service was done away with. The same applies on all questions that involve a vital change of the old order of things.

MR. USSERY WRITES OF N. C. AND GOOD ROADS.

Dear Eagle:
Your correspondent left Dothan the first of the month for the hills of North Carolina, his native state, to spend some time, with the hope that the change of climate might be of benefit to his health. I found many changes since I

left here 34 years ago. I found that the "Old North State" had not lagged behind her sister Southern States in progress and material prosperity.

The changes that have been brought on by the energy and industry of the present generation, are nothing less than marvellous. The people here have prospered in their agricultural as well as in their manufacturing pursuits. The farmer of today is making double as much per acre upon the same land as his father made twenty years ago. The explanation of this increase of production is found in the fact that they are working upon more scientific lines. They have just learned "how to farm," they will tell you. They say that their fathers only scratched the hard red lands, with a small one-horse plow, while they ear up the ground with a large two-horse plow.

And in the manner of working the crops, they say the present method is far and ahead of the system used by their fathers. In consequence of this, the lands have enhanced in value, ten and often a hundred fold. Where our fathers found difficulty in supporting their families, their sons are prosperous and not only making a good living, but all of the best workers have a decent bank account, I am told.

There is one other thing which has done no little and played on small part in the prosperity of the farmer of this section. Good roads have been built in all directions. If those who voted last fall against road bonds in your county could only travel over the improved highways of this section, and learn from the people long these roads what they think of them, and think of bond issues for better roads, they would be convinced that they were mistaken when they opposed the county bond issue for paved roadways in Houston county.

The roads here are almost as good as a paved city street, and a horse can draw three times as much over one of them as he could on the old road. A good horse and buggy will go eight miles an hour, while an automobile can go as fast as the driver pleases. There are over 200 miles of good roads in this county and more being built all the time.

The advocates of good roads here had a set back—the same exactly as we had in Houston, but they were so sure they were right that they would not take defeat. After the county, as a whole, went against the good roads proposition, the advocates of the measure went before the legislature and asked for a law giving each township in a county the right to vote upon and issue bonds for road purposes. The law was passed. After the first town-



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ship voted bonds and built a few good roads, the other townships in the county fell in line, one after the other, until every township and very voter in them, almost, became a good roads man.

Your correspondent has contended often that if the good work was once begun, it would go on just as it became popular and was extended in scope, when they were no worse needed than in Houston County. I trust another effort will soon be made to revive the subject and give the people another chance for better public roads.

In another letter I will tell your readers something of the manufacturing interests here and what they have done for the stockholders, and how they help the town of Rockingham and vicinity. I shall also tell you something of a great power plant now in construction on the Pee Dee river, and what it is expected to do to aid the manufacturing interests here, which is at present no small thing, there being no less than 9 large cotton mills already in operation. W. F. U.

BACK TO EARTH.

He let the morning paper slip from his hands and wrinkled his forehead in a fit of deep abstraction, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

And then his wife entered the room. "Well," she demanded, "what's the weighty subject that presses so heavily your burdened mind?" He looked up with a quick start.

"I was just wondering," he explained, "how a man would go about it if he set out to collect the \$10,000,000 that Prof. Pickering says would be required in order to communicate with the planet Mars."

"Oh, come back to earth," said his wife coldly. "The iceman is at the kitchen door and says you'll have to pay him the 70 cents you owe him or he'll cut us off his calling list."

Dothan wants to get rid of its awnings. Awnings surely do encourage loafing and loafers do Ledger. The ones we have are dangerous to the loafers. They are liable to fall on them, and should be taken down for the public safety.

SUNSHINE

Probably we too often forget the effect of Sunshine, we do not interest ourselves in the shining, or the object upon which the rays fall. If our words were shining words and in them that healthful influence which the sunshine carries, our bodies would not be troubled with tired nerves or our stomachs with indigestion. Then the rays going forth from our bodies, setting on others like ourselves, would reflect back to us and beget a state of feeling which would send us into pastures of thought full of green meadows, or orchards, ripe with golden fruit, springs from which when once we drank, our thirst would be fully quenched, and being led in this state in to the valley where the waters are still, we would not worry about some favorite spot of earth, embellished by the hands of man, where the inmates have temporary joy through mirth, appetite and passion, which in the end only spoil their bodies and unfit the mind for the noble purpose for which it was created.

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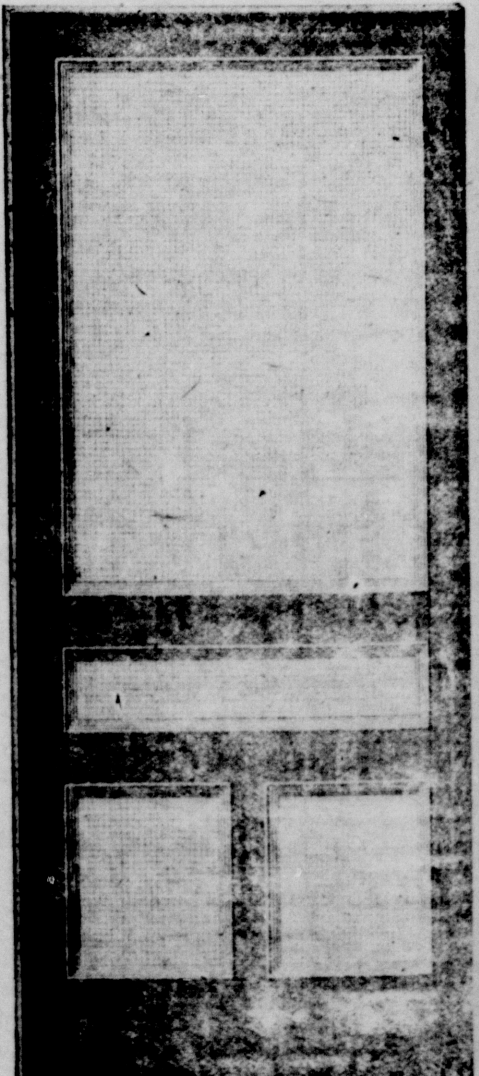
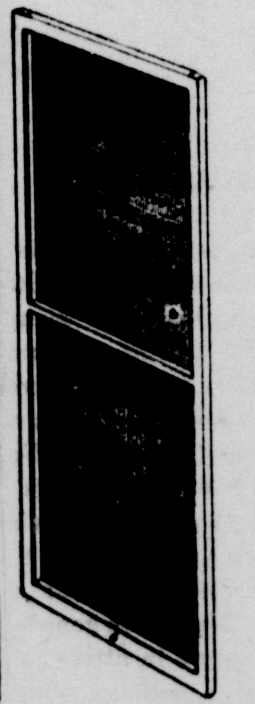
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GOV. COMER GOES FISHING.

Party Passes Through Dothan To Bay.

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While part of the Railroad Commission is along, and the Chief Executive of Alabama, still the trip is purely one of pleasure, and not official.

It is good for all these visitors to pass through Dothan, and good for the new road, and ought to do the Bay Country good, to say nothing of how it will help the fishermen. They will do some fishing up Wetappo Creek, and will be back through Dothan next Monday.

BURGLARS MAKE HAUL.

In Residence of Mr. E. C. Porter, on South Oates St.

Saturday night, burglars, or a burglar, entered the front room of Mr. E. C. Porter's residence on South Oates street, and secured about \$65 from his brother, Mr. W. E. Porter, who is visiting him from Lumpkin, Tex.

The entrance to the house was effected by raising a side window and going across the hall into the room occupied by Mr. Porter. The clothes from which the money was taken, were found out in the hall, with some papers scattered about them. The front door was opened to make the escape.

It is thought the house was entered about midnight, but no clues have been run down yet.

AN EPIDEMIC

There must be an epidemic of house burning in a section of this town. During the last few months, twelve or fourteen houses have been burned within a radius of a few hundred yards of the same place, and the burning still seems good yet. A few more houses are left standing.

It is not thought that any of these fires were caused by carelessness, nor for the reason that they were insured. It looks like the work of idle, loafing boys than it does anything else.

There should be a remedy to put a stop to this mischief. The grand jury is in session, and might do good work here.

JUST SHOES.

Oscar Green came walking out of the express office with a bundle that resembled a thousand others that come out of there. It was of about the right size, had what looked like corrugated pasteboard covering, and the crowd asked Oscar what he had; all thought they knew. He looked at them at first a little surprised, then knowing what they meant, he pitched the box up in the air and let it fall on the pavement, and says, "it's shoes, you fools!"

TO LOOK UP TIGERS.

Judge Pearce gave a particularly strong charge to the grand jury this morning, and in the course of his remarks, urged that they look into all reports of blind tigers and get bills where the evidence seemed to justify it. If any bills are found by this grand jury,

and the cases come before Judge Pearce, every citizen of the country believes that the full penalty of the law will be imposed.

SEND HIM THIS ONE.

It is becoming an easy matter to keep the people of the town taking this paper and paying for it. Once a habit, it is found to be an easy one, not expensive, but rather an inexpensive one, that everybody ought to acquire. The ten cents that the paper boy calls for each Saturday evening means but little to the subscriber, but when enough of them come in to this office, they mean much. We are making an effort to get every reading family in town—every one—to take the paper. The families who don't read, we shouldn't specially care for. We can get along alright and have a good time, with those who read something, if it's nothing but the Eagle.

To all new readers of this paper, we would like to say that it is their duty to notify us if it is not being delivered promptly. We have an unusually good set of delivery boys, and, when once they find the right house, it is a hard matter to shake them.

Ten cents a week means but two cigars less a week, if you want to put it that way; it means but two soda waters less, if you want to economize, and during the week the paper may have something in it that would wouldn't have missed for the measly dime, worn almost slick, likely as not.

Stop the boy, and tell him to bring the paper regularly, if you are not taking it. If your neighbor is still borrowing your copy, mark around this and send this paper to him.

KEEP YOUR BOY IN.

Hayor Baker has instructed his police force to keep an eye out at night, and pick up all youngsters under 18 years of age, if found on the streets after eight o'clock. A bunch was pinched Saturday night whose record in the past has been fairly good. They didn't know that this law was to be put into effect so effectively, and after the pleading guilty this afternoon, it is likely that the performers will not be repeated soon.

This is one law that may look troublesome to the youngsters, but it ought to make a good law if enforced. The boy who prowls around at night likely gets into bad company. If he has a permit from his parents, showing that he is sent out on business, it will be alright, but the youth who hasn't will likely spend the night under lock and key, or have dad go down and bail him out. Such a law is doubly effective. If the boy says he is over eighteen and goes to prove up, then the street tax is to be looked up. This item in Dothan is \$5, and is a poor incentive for a boy to run his age up on.

PANIC IN A HOTEL

Asheville, N. C., April 25.—Fire which broke out in the laundry room of the Battery Park Hotel here at four o'clock this morning, caused about 200 guests to leave the building clad only in night garments.

During the excitement following the discovery of the fire, the electric lights went out, adding to the confusion. Trunks were thrown out of the windows, and some of the guests carried their clothes down the stairs in their hands. The fire was extinguished, the damage amounting to only a few hundred dollars.

Among the guests were Mrs. Van Wyck, wife of former Judge Van Wycke, Mrs. James Osborne,

wife of a prominent New York lawyer, and Mrs. Olive Fremstadt, of the Metropolitan Opera House.

The Kenilworth Inn, another large hotel, was destroyed by fire here a few weeks ago, the guests escaping in their night clothes.

ANOTHER FISHING PARTY.

This morning the following crowd left over the Bay Line for Panama City, where they are expected to do some fishing:

J. A. May, M. A. Ellison, R. C. Ellison, E. Folmar, J. E. Tatum, of Banks, J. K. Harris, Dan Baker, and possibly one or two others.

The royal road to wealth isn't so long when driving a touring car.

Capt Hobson is busy getting acquainted with this constituency again.

One of the best ways in the world to get something out of life, is to pick out someone each day and make him or her feel good.

There may not be a good stand of grass on the farms, but this stuff so much time is spent on trying to raise in the front yards here in town, is doing fairly well.

The weather department shouldn't be roasted too severely about its weather guesses. The bureau can guess what the weather will be more times than the average citizen.

Some of the papers a few days ago, referred to a fishing trip the Governor was soon to take, and spoke of it as "St. Andrews Bay, on the St. Johns river." That shows how some of our editors were hurried through school without learning anything, scarcely about geography.

When one watches a court crowd for a couple of years, he comes to know pretty well all the people who run the courts. The same lawyers, the same court officials, with some exceptions, the same jurors, every other term of court, and the same looking kind of folks who have cases in court. Without them the courts would be a failure, a miserable failure.

President Taft has made a poor showing as a golf player, says the Emporia Gazette, and that paper suggests that if he wants to make himself solid with the people, that he get out there and organize a baseball nine, among the cabinet members, and challenge the members of the house for a game on the White House lawn.

At one time rain only fell at night, to give people a chance to get in all the time during the working hours of the day, but as soon as the people got to loafing in good fair weather, then the weather became careless, and in element. Another case of not appreciating a good thing.

Some men are such preachers or perhaps augers, that one feels that it is necessary to stand and sing something when they are through. The fires of youth, of patriotism burn so strong that whenever they come upon you they take you in charge and give a gentle lecture, and then insist that you sanction everything they say, as they say it.

Editor Scott, of the Portland Oregonian, has declined to accept the ambassadorship to Mexico so graciously tendered him by President Taft. Mr. Scott says that by taking the job, he would be less prepared to criticize the administration, should it wander off, and he feels that his paper would suffer by the acceptance. This is the right way for an editor to look at it. An editor has no time or room to be anything else but an editor, and to be one worth while, the job should be covered at all times. That's why we have never accepted such jobs; we just

can't afford to, much as we might like to serve our country as ambassador to something, or better.

A CITY MARKET.

It is likely that if a movement was put on foot to establish a city market for Dothan, it would meet with universal approval of the meat eaters of Dothan. Such a building could be purchased or rented, and all the markets operating within the city limits could come in and have stalls there for their product. The advantages would be many. The purchasers would be better satisfied; the business would be conducted more nearly according to health regulations.

Just what the steps should be taken to make the start, we don't know, but there are many men who feel interested in the welfare of the city who could suggest a way.

A Missouri editor asked a customer \$3.50 for making some kind of announcement through his paper, and the advertiser thought the price was too high, and that he could reach his people much cheaper. In making some comment upon the incident, some good points are brought out. The reading is good. This is what he said:

"If he had nothing of consequence to say, he is \$3.50 ahead. But if he did have something worth saying, let us see what it will cost him to get it before our 3,000 readers. In the first place he must get the addresses. He can't do it for what we offered to run the ad for; and the best list he can get will not be as strictly up to date as ours is. Then he must have 3,000 envelopes, which will cost as much more. He must fold the circulars and put them in the envelopes—a day's work. He must address the envelopes—another day's work. He must buy 3,000 stamps—\$30 cash. Then a good many people will throw away his circular without reading it, who would save the Jeffersonian to read it. How much is he ahead?"

EXPERT TESTIMONY.

Practically every notable murder trial during recent years has been bemuddled and obfuscated by expert testimony. Newspaper readers will readily recall the Carlyle Harris case, the Molineux case, the Albert T. Patrick case, the Thaw-White case and others that might be mentioned. In each of the instances mentioned there were several experts on each side who testified in favor of the side by which they had been retained and form whom they were to receive fees and in opposition to the experts on the other side. By means of hypothetical questions and abstruse formulas—all meaningless to the average jurymen, it was found possible to prove any proposition, or to disprove it, by expert testimony; and when the "doctors disagreed" it was left for the jury-men to decide. The latter were, therefore, left practically where they were before the experts were called in—with only the law and the facts to guide them.

As a rule the fees demanded by experts of reputation have been very large—so large as to very nearly bankrupt some defendants and prove a heavy drain upon the public funds available for the prosecution. We have not the exact figures at hand, but the cost of experts in the Patrick case in New York ran into tens of thousands of dollars on both sides. And the last of the case has not yet been heard.

The Maryland Bar Association proposes a remedy for what, for convenience, may be called the "expert testimony evil." It is in effect to have the state Legislature pass an act providing that where expert testimony is deemed to be necessary in a criminal

trial, the court shall appoint the expert, and that if outside experts are demanded they shall receive only the ordinary witness fees. The plan, it is asserted, would result in the elimination of "professional expert witnesses." Whenever an expert was called, he would be an impartial witness, and would seek to elucidate the question at issue in the fewest words and shortest space of time possible. That would be a tremendous gain over the present practice, and apparently has for its purpose the forcing of a conclusion on the part of jurymen by overwhelming them with idioms and processes and phrases that are entirely beyond their comprehension.

The initiative of the Maryland Bar Association might well be followed elsewhere. Less expert but beclouding testimony would doubtless be followed by more justice in some of the courts.

OPPOSED TO DEATH PENALTY.

The conviction of Sorsby and fixing the punishment at life imprisonment shows conclusively that the people of Mississippi are opposed to punishment by hanging.

Really, I think myself, that judicial murder is the most cold-blooded performance that ever chilled the blood in the human heart.

It is a relic of barbarism and ought to be abolished.

There are men who deserve to be exterminated for crimes they commit.

But extermination is always hurtful to the community.

Murder by the state sets a bad example to the citizens.

"Great Pagan" once said: "Is it not possible that the tyranny of government, the injustice of nations, the fierceness of what is called the law produce in the individual? Is it not true that the citizen is apt to imitate his nation? Society degrades its enemies, the individual seeks to degrade his. Society plunders its enemies and now and then the citizens has the desire to plunder his. Society kills its enemies and possibly sows in the heart of some citizens the seeds of murder. Is it not true that the criminal is a natural product and that society unconsciously produces vice? Can we not safely take another step and say, that the criminal is a victim as the diseased and the insane and the deformed are victims? We do not think of punishing a man because he is afflicted with disease. Our desire is to find a cure. We send him out not to the prison, but to the hospital because we recognize that fact that disease is naturally produced—that it is inherited from parents or the result of negligence, or maybe, of recklessness—

but instead of punishing, we pay. There are diseases of the mind, of the brain, and there are diseases of the body. And if these diseases of the mind produce what we call vice, why should we punish the criminal and pity those who have physical disease?"

The killing of Charles Fitzgerald was one of the most uncalled for and indefensible acts that was ever perpetrated by a human being.

Sorsby killed the man who probably would have served him best.

Certainly he would have been kind and indulgent and humane in his treatment of Sorsby in the courts.

No more sympathetic—gentle—man ever lived than Charles Fitzgerald.

If a man ever deserved to be punished for a crime Sorsby deserved it.

The jury thought life imprisonment sufficient.

And as the jury looked at the matter in this particular case, so do the people of Mississippi generally, look upon the question of capital punishment in most instances.

I think it would be well for the legislature to abolish hanging.

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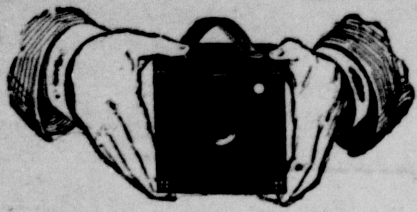
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mr. W. I. Bell is in the city this week.

C. B. McGriff, of Columbia, was here yesterday.

B. E. Joiner, of Gordon, was here yesterday.

J. S. Buntin, of Gordon, was here yesterday.

J. R. Dawsey, of Pansey, was here yesterday.

Are you a Patriot? If not, why not?

Mr. B. M. Powell, of Gordon, is here today.

N. S. Fellows, of Cowarts, is in the city today.

Mr. S. Willoughby, from Crosby, is here today.

Mr. Mike Solie, of Ozark, is here attending court.

J. T. Brown, of Estafamilga, Fla., was here yesterday.

Mr. Jim Strickland, from Edison, Ga., is in the city today.

Are you a Patriot? If not, why not?

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Reid have returned from Panama City.

Mrs. M. T. Clark is moving her millinery stock from Foster St. around on Main, to the Hughes store.

The rain yesterday and day before made the need of good streets very pronounced.

Dainty Hand-made Embroidery and chafing Dish Aprons. Will be sold to suit the purse of every one at the Apron Sale.

Mrs. A. L. Williams, of Panama City, is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. C. T. Love, on South Oates.

Don't fail to see the line of beautiful Aprons, which were made on the best sewing machines in the world, the Singer. Thursday and Friday.

A REFRESHING SIGHT.

A well-known temperance lecturer who is an ardent advocate of prohibiting the public sale of liquors, was becoming dramatic over the ideal conditions prevailing in a certain prohibition town, says the Temperance Advocate.

"I am sure all who are present will agree with me," he concluded, sinking his voice to an impressive whisper, "when I tell you that during a stay of over two months I saw but one drunken man—a most refreshing sight!"

Lady Colebrook, sister-in-law of Lady Paget, famous alike for beauty, accomplishments and skill as a political hostess, has a carving shop at Abington, Lanarkshire. There she has not only turned out some excellent pieces of work, but she has taught some of the village girls on her husband's estate how to fashion wood by hammer and chisel. Lady Colebrook is a sculptor, too, and has exhibited at the Paris Salon.

CONCERNING SUFFRAGE.

No woman cares to be a new woman except an old woman, says Puck.

The average Suffragette is old enough to be entitled to an opinion, although she may be denied a vote.

Many a decided blonde will be undecided when it comes to casting a vote.

The patriotic woman who uses powder on the Fourth of July should be entitled to two votes.

The wise woman marries for protection as well as for revenue. She will probably vote the same way.

The woman who doesn't know enough to make over last year's bonnet will be the first to cast a vote to reform the politics of her country.

Before voting every Suffragette should be required to shave. Few would have the face to do it.

The average Suffragette will be about as successful in casting a vote properly as she is in casting a stone. It may make a hit, but not where she expects it to.

Are you a Patriot? If not, why not?

A QUICK CHANGE.

Stanley Bronner, who helps publish a local trade paper, is arranging some of the details connected with the trip of local men to national convention in Atlantic City next June, says the Louisville-Courier-Journal. A quartette of dusky citizens heard of it and paid a little social call on Mr. Bronner the other day.

"We jes hnd you was gwine to go to 'Lantie City,'" explained the spokesman, "an' we thought we might get a job on the way there."

"What can you do?" enquired Mr. Bronner.

"Why," said the leader of the applicants, eagerly, "we c'n sing an' dance and do mos' anything."

"I don't know whether we'll want any singing and dancing on the train or not," said Mr. Bronner, apparently interested.

The negroes' face fell, and they turned to go. As they were about to depart one of them turned back and said: "Say, boss, do you reckon we could get a job waitin' on de tables?"

The sudden transition from the artistic to the material was so ludicrous that everybody in the office laughed.

LOST—Saturday. Eastern Star Pin. Return to Mrs. J. J. Cray. 128.

Electric Theatre Program

This Afternoon and Tonight

"Stirring Days in Old Virginia." Historical and educational. This is a special feature we have for this week, and you will certainly feel well paid for your time and money if you see it.

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Change of Schedules

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TIME TABLE No. 7.

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Southbound		Northbound	
No. 3.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 4.
3 15 p.m.	8 45 a.m. Lv. Dothan	Ar. 12 45 p.m.	7 10
5 05	10 40 Ar. Cottondale	Lv. 11 00	5 20
5 20	11 00 Lv.	Ar. 10 35	5 05
8 45	1 50 Ar. Panama City	Lv. 7 00 a.m.	2 15 p.m.

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ABDUL HAMID DETHRONED.

For thirty-three years Abdul Hamid II, thirty-fourth sultan of the Ottoman Empire, has held the powers of Europe at bay, and with consummate political skill he has maintained most of his empire intact from foreign encroachment. Today he was deposed as sovereign of Turkey by his own people, whose demand for constitutional government he thought he could circumvent.

Last July the Sultan was compelled by the Young Turk party to grant a constitution to the empire, and several months later Turkey entered for the second time in her history upon an era of popular government. April 13 there broke out at Constantinople a military revolt against parliament and the cabinet. This movement has been generally ascribed to the machinations of the sultan.

The Young Turks answered this attempt upon popular representation and government by assembling the third army corps, which was firm in its support of their political aspirations outside Constantinople, and on the morning of April 24, and entered the capital. In the fighting which followed, about 1,000 men were killed or wounded. The Young Turks were successful, and immediately assumed complete control of the city.

The next step in the striking events that have followed each other with such rapidity was the deposition of the ruler of the empire.

Abdul Hamid was born September 22, 1842. In spite of his long reign, little is known of his personal character. His predecessors had been autocrats, but he is described as having brought on Turkey a degree of despotism such as the country had not experienced in many generations. He lived within the precincts of the imperial palace of Yildiz, shut off from his subjects by a triple line of walls, in mortal fear of his life.

The Armenia massacres in 1895 and 1896 were laid at the door of the sultan, but whether he di-

rectly fostered them or not, is not known. Yet Abdul Hamid has performed some valuable services to his country in preventing the partition of his domains in Europe among the powers.

He took the Turkish army, disorganized and useless, and made of it a strong fighting force. He organized an educational system, permitted a daily press in Constantinople and gave munificently to Musselman Charities.

Mehammed Reschad Effendi, younger brother of Abdul Hamid, was born November 3, 1844, and is legal, and according to Musselman law, the successor of Abdul Hamid.

Up to the granting of the constitution last July, Mehmed Reschad Effendi lived in practical captivity in a palace on the shores of the Bosphorus. He was surrounded by a household composed of creatures of the sultan, who spied upon his every action. He was not permitted to leave the extensive palace grounds without the permission of the sultan. Four years ago he was reported

as dying from cancer of the throat, but he recovered from his illness, and since the advent of the popular government last year, he has enjoyed a degree of personal liberty hitherto unknown to him.

TURK TIRED OF WASHING.

From the Philadelphia Record.

New York, April 24.—"It's said Col. Mesrop Newton, attache of the Imperial Legation, in speaking of conditions in Turkey today. 'The people are tired of the impurities of the Koran. You will understand this when I tell you that though the Turks are not the cleanest people in the world, they do the most washings. They even lay down laws as to how a Turk must wash his ears, his hands, his hair, his feet and every other part of his body.'

'To wash his ears, for instance, a Turk must put his forefinger in the ears and the thumb on each side of his chin. If he washes in that manner he is 'clean' according to the laws of Mohammed, even though he uses three drops

of water and there are just as many minute laws governing every other daily action for the orthodox Turk whose life becomes an intolerable burden according to the Koran.

'The Young Turks are divided into two factions; those who believe that Turks, Greeks and Armenians should all be equal and those who think that their religion should be dominant in the government. The Sultan craftily stirred up these two factions against each other and organized the recent revolt.

'The Turks, during the reign of the Sultan, have also endured the most thorough system of graft

and spying ever devised. The Sultan, when a man is denounced to him, seizes his property. And he has done so much of this that he has practically established monogamy in Constantinople for the

Koran requires that a man should provide a separate home for each wife. He has made all but his favorites so poor that few Turks can afford more than one wife."

Mr. F. G. Fritis, Oneonta, N. Y.

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